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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, EFIN, PFOR, GH, IBRD

SUBJECT: GHANA DEBTS: CONTRACTS

REF: A. ACCRA 6767; B. ACCRA 6719.

1. FOLLOWING IS CLEARED LANGUAGE WHICH SHOULD BE USED IN  
RESPONSE TO GOG NOTES OF SEPTEMBER 7 AND OCTOBER 25:  
QUOTE IN REGARD TO THE GHANA GOVERNMENT'S NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 7, 1973, THE USG WISHES TO ASSURE THE GOG OF ITS  
DESIRE TO BE AS COOPERATIVE AS POSSIBLE, WITHIN THE LIMITS  
OF THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE USG. AFTER CAREFUL  
REVIEW, THE USG HAS CONCLUDED THAT, WITH RESPECT TO THE  
AMERICAN CLAIMS AGAINST THE GHANA GOVERNMENT WITH WHICH  
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THE USG IS FAMILIAR, THE GOG HAS AS MUCH OF THE DESIRED

INFORMATION AS THE USG IS ABLE TO PROVIDE DIRECTLY. THE USG NOTES IN THIS REGARD THAT THE USG IS NOT NECESSARILY AWARE OF ALL PRIVATE AMERICAN CLAIMS AGAINST THE GOG. HOWEVER, THE USG WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WHAT SORT OF INFORMATION THE GOG FEELS IT NEEDS UNQUOTE.

2. BRITISH ALTERNATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROWNING HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT WHILE ECGD CANNOT NOW PROVIDE GOG WITH PHOTOSTAT COPIES REQUESTED IN SEPTEMBER 7 NOTE, EITHER BECAUSE OBTAINING THEM WOULD TAKE TOO MUCH TIME OR IS IMPOSSIBLE AS SUPPLIERS HAVE GONE OUT OF BUSINESS, ECGD CAN FURNISH GOG WITH MUCH OF THE CONTRACT DATA REQUESTED IN SEPTEMBER 7 NOTE.

3. BROWNING SAID HMG INTENDS INFORM GOG OF POSITION PARA TWO, AND THAT BRITISH PROPOSE TELLING GHANAIS THEY WILL BE PREPARED DISCUSS CONTRACT DATA DURING PROPOSED DEBT MEETING.

4. IN RESPONSE BROWNING'S REQUEST FOR USG REACTION TO BRITISH PLANS DESCRIBED PARA TWO, BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER THORP WAS TOLD USG HAS NO OBJECTION.

5. IN RESPONSE BROWNING'S REQUEST FOR INDICATION USG PLANS FOR RESPONSE TO GOG NOTES, PARA ONE WAS READ TO THORP.

6. DEPARTMENT PREPARING ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR YOUR GUIDANCE WHEN RESPONDING TO GOG NOTES. SUGGEST YOU DELAY RESPONSE PENDING RECEIPT. RUSH

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